

questions of law, consolidation is warranted to avoid unnecessary costs and to promote judicial efficiency. Pursuant to Local Rule 4.03, the Court shall consolidate the cases into the lowest case number. E.D. Mo. L.R. 4.03 (“A party desiring the consolidation of related cases shall file a motion in the case bearing the lowest cause number.”).

Accordingly,


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants’ Motion to Consolidate, Doc. [16], is **GRANTED**. Case No. 4:23-cv-799-MTS (*Lowe v. Sturdevant, et al.*) shall be consolidated into Case No. 4:23-cv-798-MTS (*Lowe v. Pecorella, et al.*), the lowest case number.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall docket and file a copy of this Order in each of the above consolidated cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall administratively close Case No. 4:23-cv-799-MTS, and all future filings concerning either case shall be filed only in Case No. 4:23-cv-798-MTS.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file a First Amended Complaint **by September 5, 2023**. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail Plaintiff a blank Civil Complaint form so that Plaintiff can file his First Amended Complaint.

Dated this 25th day of July 2023



MATTHEW T. SCHELP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE